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OPENING OF CNG OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations opened in the country, particularly in Orissa during the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the present number of CNG filling stations are sufficient to meet the requirement of urban and rural areas;

(c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up more CNG filling stations in future in the urban and rural areas, State-wise; and

(d) the total funds allocated and spent so far in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Due to non-availability of pipeline and gas source in the vicinity, there is no CNG filling station in Orissa. The number of CNG outlets opened during the last 3 years, i.e., from 2005-06 to present, and the total number of CNG outlets, as per information available, in the various states are given below:-

Name of the State	CNG station opened during the last three years	Total CNG outlets
Delhi	18	153
Maharashtra	22	127
Andhra Pradesh	09	09
Uttar Pradesh	12	12
Tripura	01	01
Gujarat	53	71

(b) & (c): The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different cities in the country is being taken up in a phased manner. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.

(d): Government of India does not allocate funds for this purpose. The PSUs and Joint Venture Companies allocate and spend funds according to the plans of their projects.